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On page 37, line 31, after "module" please insert --VV'--.

On page 38, after line 7, please insert the following paragraph:

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--The invention is not limited to the particular details of the method
and apparatus depicted and other modifications and applications are
contemplated. Certain other changes may be made in the above described
method and apparatus without departing from the true spirit and scope of the
invention herein involved. It is intended, therefore, that the subject matter in
the above depiction shall be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting
sense.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

On replacement page 40, line 1, please change "Patent claims" to --

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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Please amend claims 1-10 as follows:

1. (Amended) [Speech] A speech processing system, comprising:
at least one of a plurality of [-having several] speech recognition
modules and a plurality of [(Ei, i=1..n) and/or several] speech output modules
[(Aj, j=1..m) that are], each of the speech recognition modules and speech
output modules being respectively constructed specifically for a particular
type of speech recognition and/or speech output[,]; and

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[- having a means (MA)] a selector for selecting at least one speech
recognition module [(Ei)] and/or speech output module [(Aj)] for a speech
recognition and/or speech output to be carried out later, dependent on an
input signal [(ES) with which it is described] that describes what type of
speech recognition and/or speech output is further required.

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2. (Amended) [Speech] The speech processing system according to claim 1, wherein [in which] the [means (MA)] selector for selecting the speech recognition module [(Ei)] and/or the speech output module [(Aj)] is constructed [in] such [a way] that the speech recognition module [(Ei)] and/or the speech output module [(Aj)] is controlled by the selector [means (MA)].

3. (Amended) [Speech] The speech processing system according to claim 1 [or 2, in which] wherein parts of the speech recognition module [(Ei)] and/or of the speech output module [(Aj)] that are used in common are realized in at least one pre-processing module [(VV)] and/or in at least one post-processing module, respectively.

4. (Amended) [Speech] The speech processing system according to claim 3, wherein [in which] several speech recognition modules of the plurality of speech recognition modules [(Ei)] and/or speech output modules of the plurality of speech output modules [(Aj)] use common resources.

5. (Amended) [Speech] The speech processing system according to claim 1, wherein the system further comprises [one of claims 1 to 4, in which] a dialog sequence control [(DA) is provided] with which a dialog of the speech processing system with a user [(B)] of the speech processing system is realized.

6. (Amended) [Speech] The speech processing system according to claim 5, wherein [one of claims 1 to 5, in which] the input signal [(ES)] is produced by the dialog sequence control [(DA)].

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[--] Alphabet recognition.

[--] Sound sequence recognition,

[--] Speech recognition,

[--] DTMF recognition,

and/or

[- in which the] wherein a respective speech output module of the plurality of speech output modules [(Aj)] is constructed at least for the execution of one of the following types of speech output:

[-- Output] output of predetermined stored speech stores,

[-- Output] output of combined individual predetermined stored speech stores.

[-- Output] output of words synthesized from stored phonemes, and

[-- Output] output of DTMF tones.